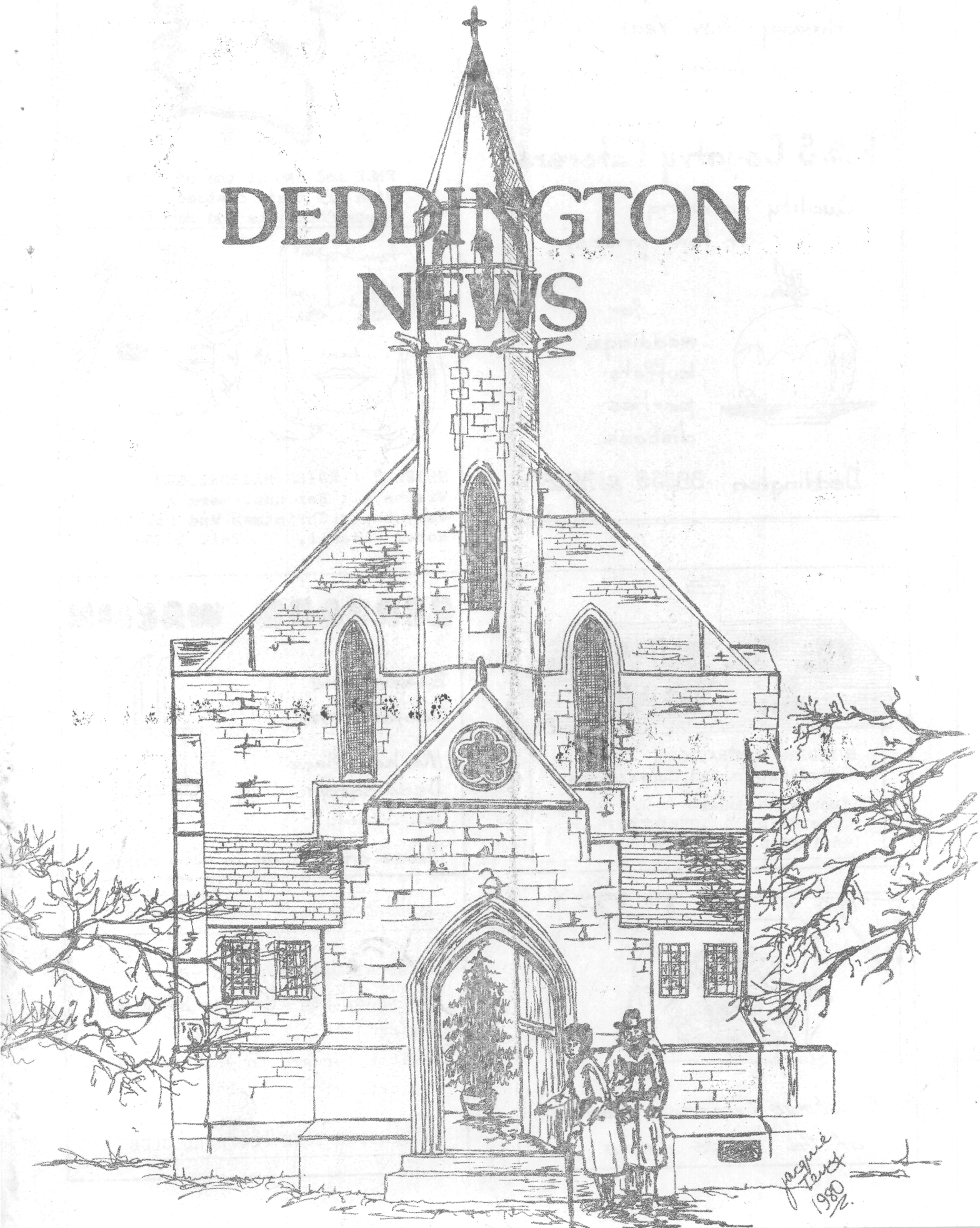


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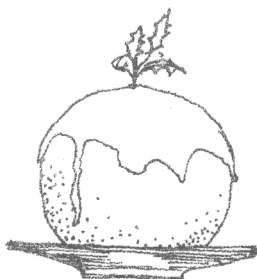
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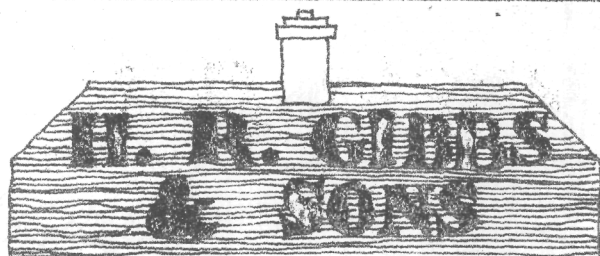
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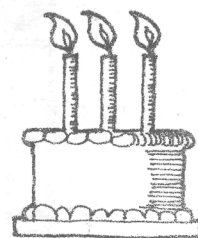
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COVER NOTE: This month's cover shows Deddington Congregational Church which was built 100 years ago and dedicated on the 9th August 1880. The building of the Church was financed by local families and details of this can be made available to any interested persons.

The outline of the Church was drawn by Jacqui Terry for the Centenary Year Celebration and was also used as an illustration on the leaflet for the Ordination and Induction Service for Mr. A. B. Fox in September.

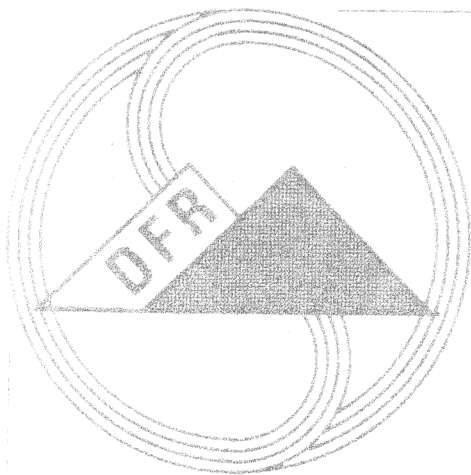
EDITORIAL: As we draw towards the close of 1980, Deddington News looks back upon an eventful year, both for Deddington and the News. The Village Hall proposal remains to be resolved but the lighting issue seems almost at an end, with a promise from Oxfordshire County Council to start work 'as soon as possible'. Deddington News is encouraged by the extent of public participation in these important debates and as a magazine produced 'by and for Deddington people' intends to play its part fully in these and any future such issues by continuing to provide a public platform for all shades of local opinion.

This month we have a request for help in organising a village Carnival in 1981. Many organisations in Deddington hold excellent fund raising events for their own needs. Perhaps we should now bring all this experience together and do something for the village as a whole. The Jubilee Carnival floats were proof that it can be done so let's get organised and start making plans now for a super all out effort in 1981.

Lastly, on behalf of all the Deddington News team, may I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful 1981 (at least until Carnival time!)

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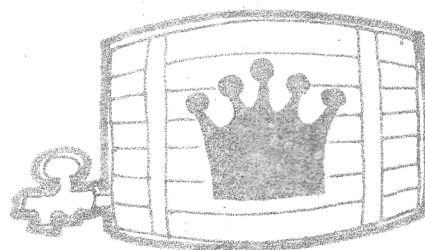
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- DEC. 6 Deddington Ladies Senior Citizens Xmas Party 3.30p.m. HTC
7 Mothers Union Enrolling Service Parish Church 10.30
11 School Nativity Play - parents only
12 Rangers Christmas Dinner
12 Playgroup Xmas Party 2.30-5.30p.m. The Hut
13 B.L. Members children's Xmas Party 3p.m. The Club
14 Elizabeth Singers Congregational Church 3p.m.
14 Deddington Singers Barford St. Michael Church 6p.m.
16 Mothers Union Mums & Toddlers Carol Service 2.30p.m. HTC
17 P.C. meeting 7.15p.m. Town Hall
18 Primary School Advent Service 2.30p.m. Parish Church
All welcome
19 Hair demonstration in aid of Playgroup 8p.m. The B.L. Club
21 Family Carol Service 11a.m. Wesleyan Reform Church;
Service of Xmas Music by Deddington Singers 6p.m.
Wesleyan Reform Church; Candlelight Service 3p.m. Cong. Ch.
24 Village carol singing 7p.m. Market Place
Midnight Mass 11.30p.m. Parish Church
25 Holy Communion 8a.m. Parish Church; 9a.m. St. John's
Hempton; 10.30a.m. Family Christmas Service Parish Church
Family Service Congregational Church 10a.m.
26 Football Match in aid of HTC at 10.30a.m.
28 Family Service 3p.m. Congregational Church
31 Watchnight Service 11.30p.m. W. Reform Church -
Rev. M. Nicholls
- JAN 9 Scout/Guide ice skating trip
20 Mothers Union discussion 2p.m. The Vicarage
1st Guide meeting - Wesleyan Hall
27 Bridge & Bingo Evening - Warriner School
28 P.C. meeting 7.15p.m. Town Hall
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- FEB 14 Valentines Dance - Warriner School

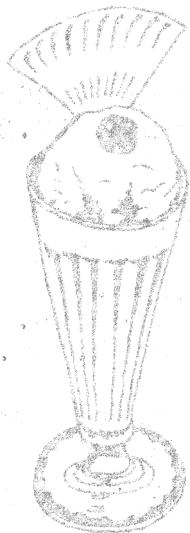
DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Just a short paragraph or two as we enter the busy season. On Thursday Dec 11th we are presenting our Nativity Plays in school this year and, due to the limited accommodation, we have to restrict this to parents only. However on Thursday Dec 18th, we shall be having an Advent Service in Church at 2.30p.m. to which all are very welcome. The children will be singing many of the carols and playing the music which they have learned for the Nativity Plays.

Mr. Darrington, the former Headmaster, has been in hospital and we have been praying for his recovery here at the school. I know Mrs. Darrington would welcome prayers from all their friends.

May I, on behalf of all the staff, children and myself, wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

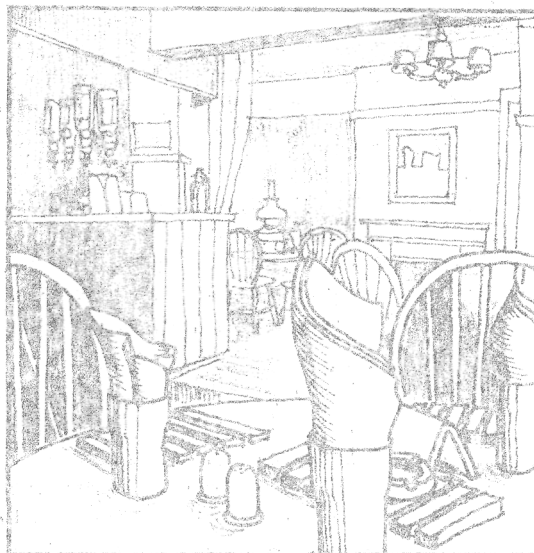
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Now that we are approaching the coldest part of the winter, it might be helpful for everyone concerned with the well-being and health of elderly friends and relatives to be aware of the causes, prevention and treatment of hypothermia.

Hypothermia is a state of extreme cold, when a person's temperature drops to below 95°F or 35°C.

Elderly people are also at risk if they are handicapped by arthritis, as their movements are restricted and they generate less heat from muscular movement. They may also be unable to afford heating or to buy sufficient food to have a balanced diet.

What to look for:

1. If a person is found in cold surroundings and is cold to touch and appears confused and drowsy - suspect hypothermia.
2. Colour - the person's face may look flushed, but will be cold to the touch. In other cases, the face will be pale and puffy with blue lips and speech may be slurred.

What to do:

Raise the temperature of the room.
Do give warm nourishing drinks and soup if conscious.
Do wrap patient up well but not tightly.
Do keep them in bed.
Do call doctor.

What not to do:

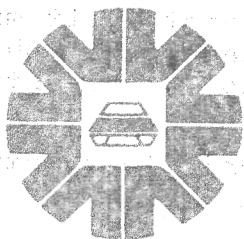
Do not load heavy blankets onto them - this restricts circulation.
Do not apply heat directly to skin because of burns.
Do not use hot baths; hot water bottles or ordinary electric blankets.
Do not encourage patient to move as this will cause heat loss.
No alcohol.

Prevention:

Heating is essential as it takes only one day for some people to collapse from cold.
Financial aid can be obtained through the Department of Health and Social Security, by cheap or free heating, i.e. Supplementary Pension. Also inform patients of methods of paying fuel bills.
A wholesome diet is essential, containing some fats and oils to maintain energy. Frequent small meals are best with hot drinks inbetween. Complan is a very good substitute if they have a poor appetite.
Elderly people should sleep in warm, well ventilated rooms, or sleep downstairs where there is heating and take a flask of warm drink for during the night.
Make sure that elderly people wear several light, closely-woven layers of clothes, rather than heavy, thick, restricting garments.
Ensure they are receiving all financial aid available to them, i.e. Supplementary Benefit, extra heating allowance etc.

The best preventive measure of all is for everyone to be aware of the dangers of hypothermia to the elderly people living in the community.

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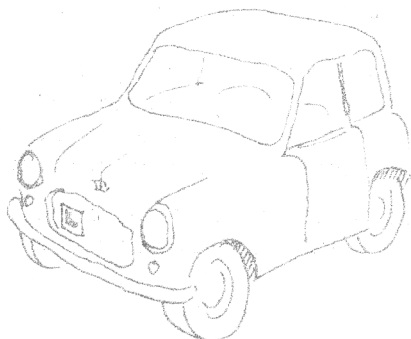
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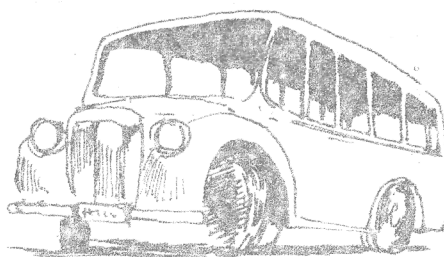
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During the winter months the Sunday services are being held at 3p.m. in the afternoon instead of 6p.m. in the evening. During December special services are being held and a warm welcome is given to all to join in these.

Sunday 14th December at 3p.m. - The Elizabeth Singers of Banbury will pay their annual visit and this is always welcomed and enjoyed by many people.

Sunday 21st December at 3p.m. - The Candlelight Service will again be held when favourite carols will be sung. The Sunday School Scholars will also be taking part in the service.

Christmas Morning at 10a.m. - The Service will be led by the Minister, Mr. A. B. Fox.

Sunday 28th December at 3p.m. - A Family Service led by Mr. Fox

Eddie Lines

THE WARRINER SCHOOL

No PTA meeting has taken place since the last 'News' - the next meeting is on Monday, 8th December. Please note the following correction to the names of committee officers reported last month Mrs. J. BURFORD, Erwell (PTA Chairman) NOT Mrs. J. Burdon.

Saturday 29th November was the Christmas Fayre which was well attended but it is too early to know how we fared, financially that is. Certainly there seemed a good Christmas atmosphere with plenty of produce on the stalls.

I am encouraged by the interest being shown this year by parents who are providing me with material for discussion in committee - I have two matters for the 8th, both concerning school dinners so if there are anymore on this or any other topic please let me know, ideally before the 8th. As a parent put it to me a few weeks ago: "We entrust to the care of the school our most precious possession - our children." The PTA provides you the parents with a regular opportunity of letting your views be known on all aspects of your children's school life.

200 CLUB - I learn that David Southcombe is disappointed with the response so far. Could I especially urge those of you who cannot for various reasons support school fetes and dances, and there are quite a few of you, that the 200 Club is a way of giving your support.

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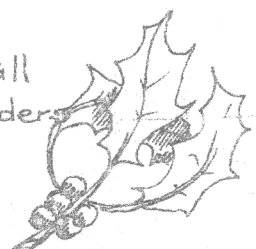
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CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor,

Writing as an O.A.P., I would like to ask the Council Clerk to give fuller reports of the Parish Meetings. We cannot all remember the details of the previous months' minutes, or understand so brief a resume as this month's few lines in the Deddington News.

My impression was that we selected between two forms of street lighting, not between darkness and light. Did eight members of our small group of Parish Councillors really 'demand an apology' from our long-standing, conscientious and experienced M.P.? He is certainly our representative but he is not our whipping boy and we are not entitled to treat him as such. I hope that nobody addressed him in that very excessive language.

Lilian von Versen, Victoria House

Parish Council notes are contributed not by the Clerk to the Council but by our own reporters. Last month's notes were brief because nobody apart from myself was available to cover the meeting. We can ensure fuller reports in future only if more willing persons can be found to undertake the monthly reporting.

Jane Rose, Editor

DEDDINGTON PLAYGROUP

Firstly, it is nice to report that our Christmas Bazaar was very successful and we raised £274 for Playgroup funds. We do thank everybody who gave us their help and support and would like to say a special thanks to all the generous tradesmen and businesses in Deddington who contributed to the raffle prizes; we did have an extremely successful raffle this year with a large array of prizes. Our thanks must, of course, also go to our genial Father Christmas (Mr. Lines).

On 17th November, a joint Dee Minor, Jewellery and Bookmark party held in aid of the Playgroup raised £25. In this instance our thanks go to Mrs. Oddy for very kindly holding this at her home.

On 19th December, Steve Miller of the Unisex Haircutting Studio will be giving a hair cutting and styling demonstration in the British Legion Club, starting at 8p.m. Tickets will be on sale at the Playgroup, or from any committee member, costing £1 and including light refreshment in the form of wine and cheese. Mr. Miller is kindly giving this demonstration in aid of our fundraising and all proceeds will therefore go to the Playgroup. We are sure that this will prove to be a most enjoyable evening, and a good opportunity for getting together over the Christmas period.

The Playgroup Christmas Party will be held on Friday 12th December from 2.30p.m. - 5.30p.m. and will doubtless be, as usual, a very happy occasion.

Several children will be leaving the Playgroup to start school in the New Year and we do wish them well and look forward to greeting the new children who are joining us. However, as there are more children leaving than due to start, there are still a few vacancies. Anyone interested should contact Mrs. Powell at the Playgroup, or any committee member.

Finally we do wish our Playgroup children, their families and all who have helped, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Sheila Kedge 11.

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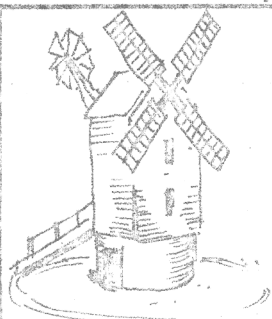
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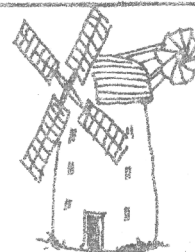
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NOTES ON P.C. MEETING HELD ON 26TH NOVEMBER

Town Hall Painting: Two quotations have been received for cleaning down and repainting the exterior of the Town Hall: £160 from H. R. Gibbs & Son, £291 from B. Franklin.

As no work can be done until the winter frosts are over, Council is to ask the two firms to requote for the work in the spring.

High Street Lighting - correspondence with Neil Marten M.P.: The Clerk has written to Mr. Marten expressing the Council's amazement and shock that he used his position to interfere in the internal affairs of the Parish without consulting the Council, and to veto the wishes of a clear majority of the electorate. Council has asked for a public apology for what they regard as a breach of democratic procedure.

In his reply Mr. Marten explains that he followed correct procedure in passing on the views of a constituent to the Minister responsible for his consideration. All views for and against the lighting proposal have been passed to the Ministry of Transport so that the balance of feeling can be adequately judged. As the decision rests with the minister and no M.P. can veto his decision, he feels no need to apologise for having followed the customary democratic procedure. Some councillors were still angry at Mr. Marten's standpoint and a further letter is to be sent asking him to explain why he protested to the County Council before talking to the Parish Council.

A meeting was held on Friday 28th November between members of the P.C., O.C.C., Dept. of Transport Bedford Office, County Councillors and representatives of residents' groups. Mr. Crook of the Dept. of Transport went over the most recent lighting scheme and various questions were put to him concerning lighting levels and the general appearance after the installation. He said that the level of footpath lighting would be greatly improved and that the posts could be painted any colour the P.C. felt desirable. Because of the irregular width of the road, verges, parking areas and footpaths it was not possible to greatly reduce the length of outreach arm on lights without causing blackspots and glare. The various problems posed by the crossroads/traffic lights were again pointed out and it was agreed that these would be looked at more closely.

Hudson Street Parking: Cars parked near the junction with the main road are still proving a dangerous obstruction to traffic turning from New Street. Despite O.C.C.'s obvious lack of interest when asked recently to look at ways of improving the situation, Councillors felt positive action was needed to convince both police and council of the danger. Some Councillors agreed to approach County Councillors at Friday's meeting.

Footpath lighting: With the main road lighting almost resolved, the P.C. is considering which part of the village is now in most urgent need of improved lighting. £2,000 was precepted last year and it was felt that this should be allocated to improving lighting elsewhere in the village.

Town Hall Toilet: Douglas Ward reported on the parlous state of the Town Hall loo. To make matters worse, on Remembrance Day, in their hour of need, Church choir members found the key would not fit. The Church is willing to help the P.C. with the cost of improvements. Mr. O'Neil is to have specifications drawn up to improve the existing facility or to make two separate toilets and quotations will be invited for the work.

Windmill site: O.C.C. have confirmed they are determined to sell the frontage of the property for housing development. However they are prepared to lease the rear line of building and playing fields to

P.C. NOTES CONT.

the Parish in order to help reduce capital outlay and thereby speed up the development of a new purpose-built hall. A 'cellar' construction had been suggested for consideration to get round the noise pollution problem. C.C.C. were to be asked for details of a lease urgently so that these could be discussed at the P.C. meeting on 17th December.

Planning Applications: One particular application has aroused a fair amount of concern within the village, that is the Old Mortuary Goose Green which C.D.C. is offering to rent. The latest application is for a light machinery workshop. Mrs. Collinson, Mrs. Hopcraft and Mr. Phillips have written a detailed letter to CDC asking what restrictions and conditions apply to the building vis a vis operating machinery, working hours, vehicular access and parking. The P.C. strongly supports the concern in the letter and in particular questions the ownership of the building. This was once used as a coal store but was commandeered during the last war by the then RDC for use as a fire station and mortuary and it appears that it has never been handed back to the parish. The basis of C.D.C.'s claim to ownership is that they have accepted rent for it for the last 14 years. The P.C. objected strongly to any change of use pending verification of ownership.

Mary Robinson & Jill Cheeseman

DEDDINGTON SINGERS

Despite our recent appeal for a tenor to join us we have received no response. However we are pressing on enthusiastically with our Christmas music at weekly practices.

We were invited to visit Canon & Mrs. George Palmer at Benson a couple of weeks ago and whilst there we sang in the church at the R.A.F. station where the Queen's flight is based. Canon Palmer is now the Assistant Chaplain. It was indeed a privilege to sing in such a beautiful place of worship. We then enjoyed a buffet lunch and thoroughly enjoyed our day out.

We will be singing at the Carol Service at Barford St. Michael Church on Sunday 14th Dec at 6p.m. and also at Deddington Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday 21st Dec at 6p.m. There will be carols for all to sing so why not come and join us.

The Spring term will commence with a party by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Cheney. A Happy Christmas to you all.

Betty Caporn

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The November meeting was held on the 12th at the Holly Tree Club. There was a good attendance. Before getting down to business, we had a few moments silence to think of Mrs. Reynolds, a former Secretary, who had died recently.

We then had a report on a Group Meeting several members had attended at Bodicote. This had been a very successful evening with an interesting Cookery Demonstration and the refreshments seemed to have been especially delicious.

Another member reported on the Tree Planting scheme in the village. Two WI volunteers went to the Oxford Road Council Depot where John Scott had plans for the new sites for seedlings. Three little Maples were planted and it is hoped that they will thrive and give pleasure in years to come. We think this is a very worthwhile project and it is sad that so few people turned up to help. So few, in fact, that Mr. Scott and his Tree Wardens had to plant most of the seedlings themselves.

After the business meeting the Elizabeth Singers from Banbury came to entertain us. They are a talented group of about 20 women and girls. Their choir sang various folk songs, interspersed with solos from choir members and some charming dances from two of the little girls. They had a nice mixed programme and we, the audience, could sit back and enjoy it all. It was a pleasant, relaxed evening. The competition was for something from the Orient.

Marianne Elsley

DEDDINGTON GUIDES

This month we have taken part in tree planting, and the Remembrance Day parade when we had a very good turn-out. Our thanks to the British Legion for organising the event.

Since then we have been occupied with 2 main events. The first was our Autumn Fayre and 50/50 Clothing Sale. We managed to dodge the power cut and throughout the day raised £55. Many thanks to all those that supported us both in the day and during the evening event as well. After the superb performance of some of the Guides behind the stalls the District Commissioner felt they could get jobs anytime at Banbury market!

Next is our Christmas entertainment when we hope to raise a bit of money for charity. The Scouts are joining us for this event this year - the poor lads have been nagged non-stop at rehearsals. I think all their parts will be non-speaking in the end as they are having a job getting a word in sideways.

Our last meeting of the term will be on 9th December - this will take the form of a 'bun-fight'.

Next term with hopefully order restored - Tuesday 13th January 7 - 8.30p.m. Patrol Leaders and Seconds. Police House. No uniform Tuesday 20th January - 1st Guide Meeting.

Maggie Rampley

BRITISH LEGION

The Officers and Committee of the Deddington Branch, Royal British Legion, thank all formations for their support and smart turnout at the Remembrance Parade and Service which took place on Sunday Nov. 9th 1980. Grateful thanks to all in the District who gave so generously, also to the poppy collectors, the landlords of the Kings Arms, Unicorn, Red Lion, Crown & Tuns, The Duke of Cumberland's Head Clifton, The George Barford St. Michael, Holcombe Hotel and Russell Hotel.

The 1980 Poppy Day appeal resulted in the following:

House to House collection	£293.08
Church collection	50.80
Poppy Day Draw	36.00
Dedd. R. B. L. Club donation	80.00

Total £459.88

This exceeds last year's total by £100.

Festival of Remembrance - our congratulations to Mr. Albert Humphries who represented The Oxfordshire Fire Service at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

Children's Christmas Party - Members' children's Christmas Party for 12 years and under will take place at the Club on Sat Dec 13th at 3p.m. Entertainment will be provided.

Arthur Lewis, Secretary

MOTHERS UNION

On November 4th at our afternoon meeting, Mrs. Paul came to give a talk on the life of St. Richard and his prayer. An interesting talk followed by refreshments. Our thanks to Mrs. Pat Hannah for inviting us to meet at the Vicarage.

Like everyone else Christmas events are now keeping us busy. We are holding our cheese & wine party on December 4th and on December 16th we are holding a carol service for Mothers and Toddlers at the Holly Tree Club. This event replaces our ploughman's lunch. We hope that all mums with toddlers will feel able to come especially those who have been christened in the last couple of years. Also all members of the Mothers & Toddlers Club and mums with children at Playgroup. We are planning a short service with plenty of children's carols and a chance to dress up. With so many fidgets it won't matter at all if your toddlers are not the sitting still sort! We feel sure many mums will enjoy the chance to have a good sing without worrying about little ones disturbing others. Tea, orange and biscuits will be provided for afterwards. So - we'll see you at 2.30p.m. on Tuesday 16th December at Holly Tree Club and we will finish in plenty of time for school children to be met.

Our first meeting in the new year will be on 20th January at 2p.m. possibly at the Vicarage. We will hold our own discussion as a continuation of the November talk on St. Richard and his prayer.

Enrolment service for the new enrolling member will be on Sunday 7th December during Morning Service.

Maggie Rampley

The following has been contributed by Lewis Foreman with the assistance of Mrs Penny Drennan of the Dept. Health & Social Security.

CASH HELP FOR PENSIONERS FROM 24TH NOVEMBER 1980

The claim form for supplementary benefit is form SB.1 available either from the D.H.S.S or Post Offices. Alternatively a friendly chat in your home can be arranged if you send in blue form BR 374 in the back of your Pension Book.

The present weekly Supplementary Benefit rates for pensions are:-
Married couple £43.45. Single person living in your own home £27.15. Single person living in someone else's home £21.70.

Of course there are differences if you are a boarder or sharing housing costs (see leaflet SB.8).

There is a weekly addition of 25p per person for those over 80 and for each blind person there is an extra £1.25 per week.

There are additional allowances for those with heating difficulties or if you have central heating and if you have additional expense in connection with a special diet or laundry then further allowances may be payable. See leaflets SB 8 or OC2.

In addition we add your housing costs - either your weekly rent or if you own your house an allowance for rates, ground rent and mortgage interest plus £65 per year towards repairs and insurance.

Having added up what you need we deduct your income.

You will not get supplementary benefit if you and your wife's joint savings exceed £2,000. The house in which you live does not count as part of your savings but other houses or land would. Income from all sources counts but earnings are taken as your net earnings and are subject to deductions for fares and an allowance of £4 from your own weekly earnings, £4 from your wife's and £4 of any income from a charity or disablement pension. Attendance and mobility allowances are ignored. Your income is then deducted from your needs and the *difference* paid as a Supplementary Pension either on your retirement pension book or a separate book.

You must notify the D.H.S.S of any change of circumstances (see the yellow pages in your book) such as starting work, going into hospital, going abroad, moving or coming into money etc. Sometimes special needs payments can be made for removals, furniture, bedding or funeral costs etc. These are explained in leaflet SB16.

If you are not happy about your assessment you can appeal to an independant Appeal Tribunal.

If you would like any further information, Penny Drennan of the D.H.S.S, Southam Road, Banbury would be very happy to help you. Her telephone no. is Banbury 4571. Mr. Foreman has a supply of the leaflets mentioned.

PROPOSED DEDDINGTON CARNIVAL 1981

It is proposed to organise a carnival in Deddington during 1981, similar to the Jubilee Carnival. This venture will require a great deal of planning and this must start as soon as possible. If you could help in any way and would be willing to offer any advice or particular expertise, please contact Monty Spencer, The Manse, Bullring Tel:38672 before January 9th so that a preliminary meeting can be arranged.

CHURCH NEWS

Wilt thou, Winifred?

If you live in Deddington and happen to be between the ages of eighteen and twenty nine, you are likely to get married, if indeed you are not married already. I am not suggesting that there is anything peculiar in the air of Deddington. The fact is, young people everywhere have a great appetite for marriage.

In view of the common opinions that we live in a 'permissive society' and that marriage is a bond that ties us down, this is odd. Public opinion must be wrong on one of these counts and may be wrong on both. There is little compulsion on most of us to marry, we choose it willingly. Like the rich American film star who had 'married young and kept on marrying', which was not quite what I had in mind.

I am not concerned for the moment why people marry. They do, and there's an end of it. I am concerned with how they marry. First of all, make the arrangements for your marriage in good time. Six months is not too long an interval between naming the day and the day itself. The church, the reception, all the different people involved, all get booked up early. If you want to be married in church, you must give at least a month's notice, so that Banns can be called on three successive Sundays. This is the minimum interval. The only alternative to calling the Banns is a Common Licence, usually obtained from a clergyman at greater expense than Banns, or in exceptional circumstances a Special Licence issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Why do we need Banns or Licences? Because there are laws and restrictions on marriage. Such laws are designed to protect the innocent, the weak and the young against the strong and the villainous. If we did not have the laws we do have, then we would have others, which would be worse. On this account, marriage is at one and the same time both a public and a private affair. Private, because the couple decide between themselves if and how they shall marry. Public, because families and friends are involved and even the nation which has special tax provisions for the married.

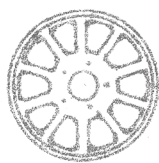
So there is no escaping a certain amount of 'business' or fuss at a wedding. You need not tell the whole world by ringing the church bells (though in practice nine out of ten couples choose to have the bells). You do not need photographers (though in practice everyone does, so that I have had the impression that the whole ceremony, like any royal occasion, was arranged just for the photographers' benefit). But you cannot marry secretly, in the dark, or in the classic description 'clandestinely'. If, in spite of these restrictions, you still want to marry, why, God bless you.

Richard Hannah

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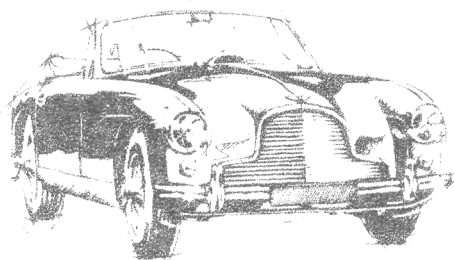


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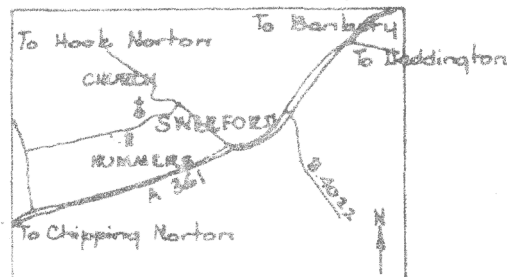
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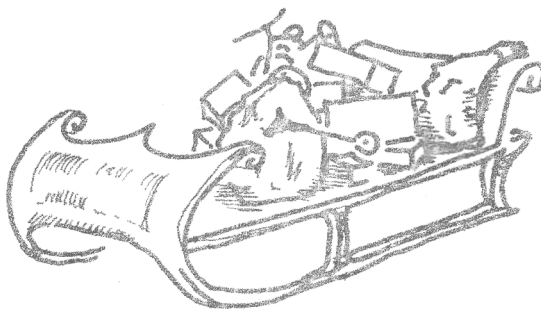
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DEDDINGTON RANGER GUIDES

At the beginning of November five of us stayed the night at Charlbury Youth Hostel where we joined other Rangers from the Wantage area. The following morning we walked to Blenheim Palace over the back wall via the Stonesfield Steps. Most of the journey was on the Oxfordshire Way. It was a beautiful autumn day despite the wind.

On 7th November we squeezed Rangers and Scouts into the minibus for an ice skating session at Solihul. We even managed to get Skip (Robin) on the ice; said he enjoyed it afterwards. We took several wet Scouts home, no doubt due to their skating skills or rather lack of them.

We did well at the Guide Sale on 11th. Raising just over £17 towards much needed funds. Thank you to those who supported us.

Heather Keefe and Sarah Kent have completed their preinvestiture challenge and we will be investing Heather on 5th December.

On 12th December we will be going out for our Christmas Dinner. On Friday 9th January we have arranged a coach to take the Guides and Scouts with us for ice skating at Solihul. Cost £1.50. Names and money to me by 9th December.

Jackie Stammers

ANIMALS AT CHRISTMAS

'For the bonny sweet robin is all my joy' so said the sad Ophelia in Hamlet. Soon it will be Christmas and that bonny sweet robin will adorn many a Christmas card. This colourful little bird which everyone loves for its sweet song and inquisitive nature when we are digging in the garden, is a fierce fighter with any other robin who comes into its territory. By mid December pairing will take place and the female will join her cock's territory. Then the cock bird will become even more aggressive towards intruding robins although the female will be passive until nest building begins when she too becomes aggressive. So if you get a Christmas card with more than two robins on it, be suspicious of its message of Peace and Goodwill!

Christmas - and in the Parish Church there will be a Crib, telling the story of the first Christmas. There we shall see the animals, the ox, the donkey and the sheep with the Blessed Mary and Joseph and the shepherds all looking at the Christ Child lying on the straw in the manger. What humility.

The first Christmas Crib was made by Saint Francis, the patron saint of animals. Living in the early 13th Century, he wanted the people of Greccio to share with him the experience of Christ's birth. So he built a stable in the wood outside his hermitage on the hillside and borrowed a real donkey and ox and filled the manger with hay. Then he made an altar beside the stable and invited the men women and children from the town and the villages in the Rieti valley to come to mass on the night of Christmas Eve. We are told that they came with lanterns up the hillside paths singing an ancient Hymn of Umbria in honour of Christmas. Towards midnight when the mass was reaching its climax, the story goes that sheep could be heard bleating on the hillside, and one Giovanni da Vellita said that he turned towards the manger and it shone with a great light and there was a baby lying in the hay.

Pat Hannah

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DEDDINGTON BROWNIES

Francesca Chard and Dawn Holmes have joined us this term; also Luanne Reed has come as a transfer from 1st Blakesley Pack in Northamptonshire. Lucy Pickering has moved away to join Hook Norton Brownies, so we keep to our full strength of 24. 24 very keen Brownies who come to meetings regularly which is a great help when it comes to carrying out a full programme, and I am most grateful to their parents for seeing that they attend.

Four meetings in October and the beginning of November were taken up with cooking and making things for our stall at the Guide Sale on November 11th. We were very pleased with the £23 we raised especially as nearly all the things on sale were made by the Brownies themselves. I am very grateful to Carol Nicholls and Pam Dancer for manning the stall during the day as well as helping in the evening.

We are now preparing for a Parents and Friends Evening on Tuesday 9th December at 5.30p.m. There will be a short entertainment and refreshments. Should any readers of Deddington News or past or future Brownies care to come, they will be most welcome. That evening some Brownies will be taking their Jester or Hostess badges. We have also had a number of Brownies passing their Discoverer and Safety-in-the-Home badges during the term.

Next term will begin on Tuesday 13th January. Could I appeal to anybody to give us their used postage stamps as we will be glad of them and we collect them through the year.

Finally very many thanks to anybody who has helped our Pack throughout the last year. We wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vivien Pleydell-Bouverie

DEDDINGTON LADIES

On Saturday Nov 8th we held our Christmas Bazaar at the Holly Tree Club. Proceeds will go to our 'Senior Citizens' Party. Thank you to all who gave Raffle Prizes and Donations.

On Nov 12th we held our monthly meeting at the Holly Tree Club. Mrs. Riley of Earls Lane talked about her job as a Hospital Social Worker. This was very interesting and we learnt a lot. Thank you very much Mrs. Riley.

If any local person would like to give us a talk on any subject of interest, we will always consider it, please contact any member of the Committee.

On Friday Nov 28th we will be holding our own Christmas Dinner at the 'Midland Marts', Banbury; and on Sat Dec 6th our Senior Citizen Party at the Holly Tree Club at 3.30p.m. We will give reports of this and our Christmas Dinner in the next issue.

We would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Garrett and family at The Post Office for displaying our lists and posters over the last 12 months.

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas, and all the best for 1981.

Daphne Harper

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB.

Our Junior Shield attempt was halted when we played Churchill in the second round and lost by a last minute goal. In the second round of the Banbury Charity Cup we played Automotive away and lost 3-2.

Now the good news. We disposed of Tysoe in the second round of the Coronation Cup 6-3.

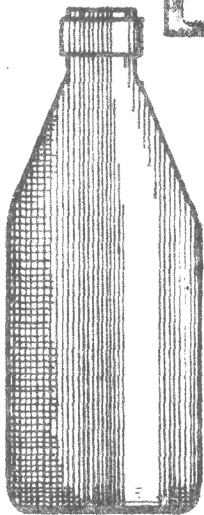
Our League progress is not as good as we expected but with more than half the season to go anything could happen.

A word of praise now to a young Deddington boy who has established himself as an outstanding player. Carlton Stratford has recently been selected to play for the Witney & Oxford District Representative sides. He has also been invited to spend a week at Coventry City Football Club. Coventry have one of the best youth policies in England and we wish Carlton good luck.

After you have filled yourself with Christmas pud why not visit the Castle Grounds on Boxing Day at 10.30 a.m. and watch a Charity game of football. The past Deddington team -v- the present Deddington team. We hope to get as many of the past team out as possible and I understand that an official referee has been appointed to take charge. All proceeds will go to the Holly Tree Club so please give them your support.

Rodney Hayward.

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